

Loves flashy coats, seniors

Kermit King says he's retired

By Terri Lackey

RIDGECREST, N.C. — One of the traits a person might notice first about Kermit King is his flashy wardrobe of suit jackets in primary colors.

And without mentioning his famous first name (actually Kermit is his middle name), the second most noticeable trait might be the Indian moccasins King wears constantly.

But, number three on the list would be the fact that the acting senior adult consultant in the Baptist Sunday School Board's family ministry department insists he is retired, yet he works the majority of the time.

"I am fully retired. I consider myself a volunteer," King said. "There's a freedom to it."

"I've worked harder these past three years than any of my years in Mississippi, but I don't have to," he

said.

King retired as the Church Training director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention in December 1982 when he was 62, 30 years to the day he started working there.

King said he believes his retirement and the simultaneous need for a senior adult consultant in the BSSB family ministry department was a definite sign from the Lord.

"The Lord had a working in this thing," King said. "Things like this just don't happen — my retiring and Horace (Kerr, supervisor of the family ministry senior adult section,) needing help."

King insists he only works part-time, yet in his part-time job he has been a driving force behind planning senior adult Chautauquas at Glorieta

and Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Centers.

King said he now considers himself an "old hat" at planning and executing the fall senior adult conferences. He said he plans them at least two years in advance, working diligently on soliciting a variety of ministers and denominational and conference leaders to help lead the 10 Chautauquas.

"I don't have any problem getting preachers," he said. "I like to use a variety of people because I feel there are too many good ministers of music and preachers who would love to conduct a Chautauqua."

A confirmed bachelor, King travels extensively on the job as a senior adult consultant. As a matter of fact, he said he commutes each week to his

job at the Board from his home in Chattanooga.

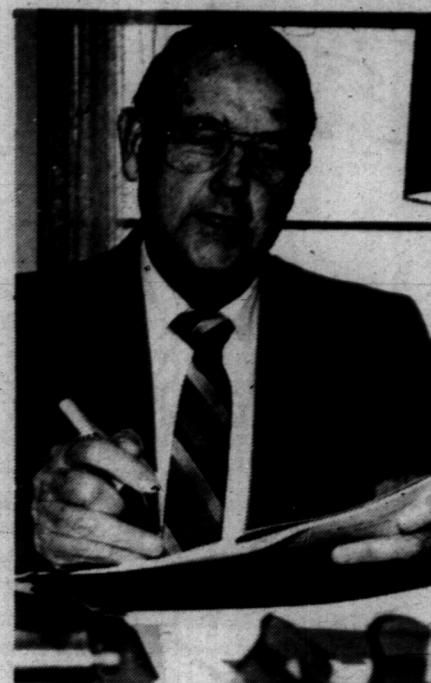
"I've never been able to say I enjoy traveling," King acknowledged. "But it's a part of my work."

Explaining his desire to sometimes don bright-colored coats of lime green, red, orange, yellow, and purple, "We had these Church Training retreats in Mississippi, and I had a couple of bright coats, so I thought I would wear them for identification purposes," King said.

"They became a talking point. People started commenting on them all the time so I started wearing them just for show."

"I think the green one is rather nice."

Terri Lackey writes for the Sunday School Board.



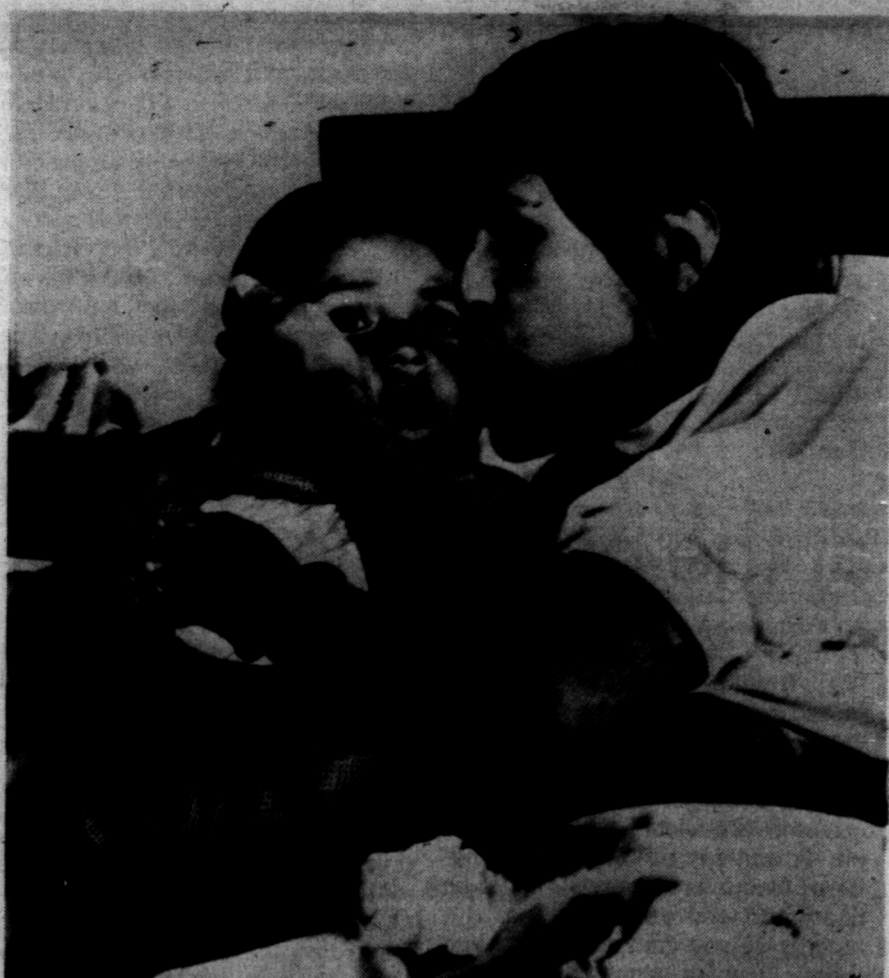
Kermit King is busy arranging senior adult Chautauquas at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Conference Centers for 1986. — Photo by Terri Lackey.

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He has a mother again

The toddler whose cries for "Mami" symbolized the agony of survivors of a mudslide in Colombia's Andes Mountains receives a kiss from his mother, Maria Leyla Velandia, 18. The 18-month-old child, Alexis Acuna, was separated from his mother for six weeks after both were rescued by helicopter 36 hours after the Nov. 13 tragedy, in which 25,000 or more lost their lives. During those six weeks, he was known only as "NN" (no name) in a hospital about 70 miles south of Armero, the town that was buried in 20 to 60 feet of mud and debris. His mother has been in a Bogota hospital, recovering from a severe leg wound. Her husband, Javier, was killed and a 2-year-old daughter still is missing. (Laser photo by Carlos Gonzalez, courtesy of Associated Press)

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Foreign missionary in state helps recruit missionaries

Furloughing Southern Baptist missionary Curtis Ferrell of Jackson has been traveling the state during his furlough time, speaking to pastors about the possibility of answering a call to foreign missions.

Ferrell, who plans to return to his work in Ecuador in April, is meeting with as many preachers as he can to ask them if they've ever considered an overseas ministry.

He is one of 18 furloughing missionaries being used as consultant assistants by the Foreign Mission Board's missionary enlistment department. Through a presence at pastors' gatherings and in personal meetings, the assistants help identify pastors who could be general evangelists overseas and encourage them to consider missionary service.

"Our view is that while every Christian should be a witness, there are those to whom God has given the missionary gift to operate with other spiritual gifts across cultural lines," said Bill Morgan, enlistment department director. It has been estimated that at least 30,000 Southern Baptists have the missionary gift who have not responded to it.

"We have people who evidently are equipped but not going. It might have been five or 10 years since seminary, since they've had any personal challenge to think about foreign missions. In some cases, it may have been never. Only one seminary graduate out of 20 is appointed as missionary," Morgan said.

The enlistment department was organized to keep up with foreign missionaries' requests for co-workers to start churches.

General evangelists comprise more than half of the job requests for next year from missionaries overseas. Nearly 300 general evangelists were requested in 1985,

and to date about 75 have been appointed. In America 95 percent of the world's evangelical preachers minister to 5 percent of the world's population.



The enlistment department is following a common biblical pattern of challenging those whom God is calling, said Morgan, a former general evangelist to Brazil. People throughout the Bible who recognized gifts in others identified them and encouraged their ministries, he said.

Within the next five years, a representative of the enlistment department hopes to sit down across from every pastor in the United States who is qualified for mission work and ask him to consider it, Morgan said.

"Sometimes there are preachers whom the Lord has been dealing with but who haven't contacted the Foreign Mission Board. Here they'll have a chance right there in front of them."

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Legislative interest

In addition to other bills already mentioned in these columns concerning issues with moral overtones before the Mississippi Legislature, a number of other such bills have been introduced. Mississippi Baptists need to be aware of the fact that these bills are before the Legislature and take whatever steps they desire to have an impact on the decisions of that body.

In the House is the big one that has been expected, a House Concurrent Resolution that would legalize lotteries in the state when authorized by law. The framers of the bill, of course, realize that it would take a constitutional amendment to make it work; but this resolution would put the House, or the entire Legislature, as the case might be, on record as favoring the authorization of lotteries in the state.

A lottery is an insidious form of gambling that preys on those who cannot afford to give up the money they would be sure to lose in order to make tax rates more palatable for those who are better able to pay taxes than those who gamble on the lottery are able to give up that money. While this resolution would not establish a lottery, the Legislature needs to hear from Mississippians concerning their disgust with gambling in any form and particularly a lottery.

The resolution indicates that the income from the lottery would be used exclusively for the education of school children in the state, but history has yet to record an instance when anything other than taxes has been of much value to school finances. An education is a fine thing, but it shouldn't have to be financed with something as distasteful as a lottery.

The resolution has been assigned to

the Constitution Committee. It was submitted by Rep. Charles W. Capps of Bolivar County.

A bill regarding the blue laws of the state that has been introduced in the House is HB 331. It has been introduced by Reps. Thomas H. Walman of Pike County, Jerry L. Horton of Pontotoc County, and Charles L. Young of Lauderdale County.

This bill would establish the concept of a local option on whether or not to restrict retail sales on Sunday. It would abolish the state-wide law that now has those provisions.

The Baptist Record has spoken on this issue recently, so there would seem to be no need for a lengthy presentation now. Basically it has been that if blue laws are necessary at all it is because Baptist people in the state are shopping in the stores on Sunday. The Baptist Record is in full accord with the concept of a day of rest and worship. The people who work in stores are not going to have it, however, as long as people flock to the stores on Sunday.

This bill has been assigned to the Municipalities and County Affairs committees.

House Bill 350, filed by Rep. Dick Hall of Hinds County, would make available tuition vouchers to be paid from the public treasury for students in private, including religiously oriented, colleges and universities in the state. This comes at a time when the state is facing the closing of some of its public colleges and universities. There will be no comment on whether or not the public instructions should be closed, but it does seem strange that there would be consideration of the use of public money for private institutions when there is not enough public money to fund the public institutions. Also, of course, to use public money to fund private, religious colleges means that money taken from

Baptists, by law and without their consent otherwise, would be used to help finance an education in a Methodist college. And it would also work the other way around, of course.

One of the problems facing the public institutions already is that they do not have enough students to provide the tuition income that is necessary. There is thought to seeking to attract out-of-state students for the same tuition fees as are paid by Mississippians.

It is true that this bill would provide tuition funds for the student instead of going directly to the institution. But this would encourage students to go to private colleges, thus taking tuition money from state schools; and it would also provide a part of the money to finance the education in the private schools. It would be using public tax money to help private and religious institutions.

This bill has been assigned to the Education and Appropriations Committees.

House Bill 248 would prohibit the sale of any alcoholic beverage at reduced prices. This bill was filed by Rep. Edward Blackmon of Madison County and would seem to have validity. It has been noted at baseball games around the nation that the biggest problems with fans come when beer is sold at discount rates. And, of course, any time any beverage is sold at a reduced rate it will encourage more drinking. How to determine what is a discount rate and what is just a lowering of prices may be hard to do, but the idea is good. This bill has gone to the Ways and Means Committee.

In the Senate the annual attempt to allow the advertising of alcohol has been filed, only this time it is by a different senator. Howard Dyer of Greenville has been trying to get this bill passed for years. This year's version,



SB 2106, was filed by Sen. George P. Smith of Harrison County.

This issue has been discussed on several occasions in these columns in the past, so there doesn't seem to be much need to add to previous discussions. Suffice it to say that all advertising is designed to increase the use of the product, and that is something that is not needed with liquor.

The bill has been assigned to the Judiciary Committee.

Local option on Sunday sales is also the subject of three Senate bills. They are SB 2167, filed by Sens. Con Moloney of Jackson and Martin Smith of Poplarville; SB 2215, filed by Sens. Bob Usey of Gulfport, Malcolm Mabry of Dublin; George Smith of

Gulfport; Thomas A. Gollott of Biloxi; and Charles Ray Nix of Batesville; and SB 2232 filed by Sen. F. M. Smith of Laurel.

The opinions of Mississippi Baptists may vary from issue to issue and from bill to bill. To be active as a citizen of the state, however, one should feel it a responsibility to be in touch with his elected representatives to let them know of his opinions. That is the way the system is supposed to work. If it doesn't work that way, there is a problem somewhere that needs to be corrected. It may be that the citizens has failed to register his opinion, or it may be that the representative has failed to respond. In either case, the system would need correcting.

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Guest opinion . . .

Before you speak out at the convention . . .

By Joe N. McKeever

There probably aren't 12 people who will agree with what I'm about to say. But I think I'll obey the urge I've felt at various Baptist conventions and get this off my chest.

Young ministers who attend state and national Baptist conventions should try to stifle the urge to speak out. They should resist the tendency to arise on points of order, or to amend somebody else's motion, or to revise the way things are presently being done in the convention.

To be blunt about it, most of the time these youngsters do not know what they're talking about. Yet they try to change the direction of a vehicle when they don't know where it has been or where it's headed.

That may be too harsh a judgment. To be sure, the young leader thinks he knows the way. And, as with David before Goliath, sometimes he does. But as a class, young spiritual leaders tend to be more like David's nephew

Asahel who bit off more than he could handle (2 Samuel 2).

Perhaps some will recall the young seminarian a few years back who stood at a meeting of the SBC to nominate a buddy of his as an officer of the convention. His class-mate would make a good vice-president, he said, "because he could bring in some fresh ideas."

Of course it never has been the lack of ideas we have suffered from. It's the lack of solid, mature judgment and wisdom. Many a time our denominational coffers have overflowed with innovation while our people were starving for understanding. You rarely find maturity and wisdom in the junior league. That's one reason church leaders in Scripture are called "elders."

Not that age itself brings wisdom. Except in the rare case when one receives such by supernatural bestowal, wisdom and understanding

result from the accumulation of years in the Lord's vineyard — with the long experience of crop failures, busted dreams, broken hearts, lonely valleys, and the midnight oil.

Admittedly, a lot of what us old people do and say at these denominational meetings often turns out to be ill-advised and poorly plotted. But much of it isn't. You don't come into the world with wisdom and insight as standard equipment. You get it through Christian growth or not at all.

Now, Baptists are a patient people. The next time you see a 25-year-old pastor rush the pulpit ready to move that the convention hastily adopt his shallow plan to revise our procedures, you'll notice a lot of forgiving smiles across the auditorium. And after a time of trying to discern what his point is, some good soul will move we refer his motion back to an appropriate committee. It will be done and he will have saved face. He will

leave the meeting trying to figure out if that was a defeat or a victory.

Such a man of God would do better to learn from the young apostle Paul. Storming into Jerusalem, he confronted every obstacle and rebuked every foe. By his abrasiveness and immaturity he made few converts and many enemies. So the Lord sent him home to Tarsus — put him on the shelf, we say — to let him grow up. (Acts 9) A few years later, the mature Paul became the most effective leader the cause of Christ has ever known.

That's the point. The time will come all too soon when these young leaders will be ready to fill the gap and lead the way. Then the issue will be whether the rest of us are wise enough to follow.

Joe McKeever is pastor of First Church, Columbus.

Evangelism/Bible Conference

Feb. 3-4
Alta Woods Baptist Church
Jackson

"Good News America — God Loves You"

Monday Afternoon, Feb. 3
Presiding — Guy Henderson

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| 1:30 Vocal Witness | Ed Sudduth, Dot Pray, Cissa Richardson, |
| Keyboard Praise | Connie Kossen |
| Vocal Testimony | Angela Traylor, B. J. Jenkins |
| 2:00 Welcome and Prayer | Guy Henderson and Frank Thomas |
| 2:10 MESSAGE | Lewis Drummond |
| 2:45 Congregational Praise | Jim Hess |
| 2:55 Evangelism in Mississippi | Guy Henderson |
| Introduction of Preaching and Music Evangelists | |
| 3:10 Congregational Praise | Jim Hess |
| Choral Witness | Mississippi Singing Churchmen |
| Vocal Witness | Beverly Terrell |
| 3:30 MESSAGE | Perry Sanders |
| 4:10 Pray for Revival | |

Monday Evening, Feb. 3
Presiding — Keith Wilkinson

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| 6:30 Instrumental Ensemble | Mississippi College |
| BSU Ensemble | Ole Miss BSU |
| Keyboard Praise | Bobbie Butler, Dot Pray, Susie Cook, Dorothy Harrison |
| 7:00 Prayer | |
| Congregational Praise | Dan Hall |
| Vocal Witness | Beverly Terrell |
| 7:20 MESSAGE | Lewis Drummond |
| 7:55 Congregational Praise | Dan Hall |
| 8:00 Training our People to Witness | Keith Wilkinson and Tom McEachin |
| 8:15 Congregational Praise | Dan Hall |
| Choral Witness | Adult Choir, Alta Woods Church |
| 8:30 MESSAGE | Perry Sanders |
| 9:10 Pray for Revival | |

Tuesday Morning, Feb. 4
Presiding — Chester Vaughn

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| 8:30 Keyboard Praise and Worship | Ed Sudduth, Dot Pray, Sarah Talley |
| | Lorraine Piggott |
| Congregational Praise | Bill Bacon |
| Vocal Witness | Suzy Hillman |
| 9:00 MESSAGE | Jerry Vines |
| 9:45 Break for Conferences | |
| 10:00 Bible Conferences | |
| 11:00 Break for General Session | |
| 11:05 Congregational Praise | Bill Bacon |
| 11:10 Testimony: "My Church and Revival" | Hal Bates |
| 11:15 Vocal Witness | Beverly Terrell |
| 11:20 MESSAGE | Carl Bates |

Tuesday Afternoon, Feb. 4
Presiding — Keith Wilkinson

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| 1:30 Keyboard Praise | Ed Sudduth, Dot Pray, Lorraine Piggott, |
| | Connie Kossen |
| Congregational Singing | Paul Padgett |
| Vocal Witness | Alicia and Gayla Gatewood |
| 1:50 Testimony | David Ring |
| 2:30 Break for Conferences | |
| 2:45 Bible Conferences | |
| 3:45 Break for General Session | |
| 3:50 Congregational Singing | Paul Padgett |
| 3:55 Vocal Witness | Beverly Terrell |
| 4:00 MESSAGE | Joel Gregory |
| Pray for Revival | |

Tuesday Evening, Feb. 4
Presiding — Guy Henderson

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| 6:30 Praise to the Lord | The Singing Deacons |
| 6:45 Keyboard Praise | Bobbie Butler, Dot Pray, Irene Martin, Ed Sudduth |
| 6:50 Congregational Singing | Don Brown |
| Vocal Witness | Allan and Lisa Fowler |
| 7:00 MESSAGE | Carl Bates |
| 7:35 Congregational Praise from "Glory Songs" | Jim Lott |
| 7:45 Testimony: "My Church and Prayer" | Fred Selby, Jr. |
| 7:55 Call to Prayer | |
| 8:05 Choral Witness | Chorus composed of volunteer/bi-vocational music directors & sponsors |
| Vocal Witness | Beverly Terrell |
| 8:20 MESSAGE | Joel Gregory |
| Pray for Revival | |



Farm Jubilee Weekend to highlight Owen Cooper

Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be a principal speaker for the first free Farm Jubilee Weekend to be held at First Church, Oklahoma City, Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

The weekend is designed for Christian farm families and their pastors' families, said host church pastor, Gene Garrison, who said that the church will provide meals beginning with a dinner at 6 p.m. Friday evening with church members providing fellowship and lodging through Saturday night.

Agricultural Pioneers, Inc., a new "trans-denominational" Christian farm organization, will be in charge of the program. Dean McHard, president of the group, said the weekend would have a dual thrust: "spiritual inspiration and economic renewal designed to help farmers utilize the new farm program and to orient their operations toward production for the marketbasket."

Singing, special music, prayer, farm family testimonies, worship, Bible teaching, preaching, plus seminars on

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About unsaved, hell

Baptists are called on to practice beliefs

By Linda Lawson

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—Southern Baptists believe that lost people are going to hell, but they are not living out the conviction by making soulwinning a priority, three Southern Baptists leaders say.

Roy Edgemon, director of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church training department; Harry Piland, director of the BSSB Sunday school department, and Robert Hamblin, vice-president for evangelism at the Home Mission Board, decided to speak out after they met together for planning, discussions and prayer. They said they have agreed to increase cooperative efforts to lift up the concerns of a lost and hurting nation in need of the gospel.

"We are just about 18 inches, the distance from the head to the heart, from winning a lost world to Christ," said Edgemon. "If we could get in our hearts what we know is true theologically—that people who are lost are going to hell and are separated from God—our people and churches would be penetrating society with the good news of salvation in Christ."

Hamblin said churches are spending so much time and energy ministering to their own people that they have neither the time nor the inclination to be concerned about the needs of people who are not Christians. "We find a lot of satisfaction in ministering to ourselves and are not penetrating the world as we should," he said.

Piland said many churches growing numerically may believe they are evangelizing lost people when, in fact, they are almost exclusively gaining members from other churches.

For example, he cited 1984 baptisms of 372,028. Of that number, he said approximately 199,000 were persons under 17 which primarily would

represent conversions of children of church members, or biological growth. Of the remaining 173,000, between 40-55,000 were persons baptized from other denominations, leaving 124-140,000 persons reached from non-Christian homes by a denomination of 14-million members, Piland said.

The three outlined their concerns and announced their greater commitment to greater cooperation at a time Southern Baptists are launching a five-year effort to train one million Sunday school workers to witness and final preparations are under way for Good News America simultaneous revivals in March and April.

They emphasized their belief that more Baptists need to grasp the "awfulness" of being condemned to separation from a loving God for eternity. This awareness will create a compassion for the lost and will motivate individuals and churches to make evangelism their top priority, they said.

Piland said, "We may rush to the aid of persons trapped in fires or in-

jured in accidents, but, at the same time, our next door neighbors do not know Christ as their Savior," said Piland. "We live as if we believe these persons are not going to hell."

To lead church members in a greater awareness of the needs of unsaved persons, Hamblin urged pastors to emphasize the concern in their sermons. "We need to talk about the consequences of sin and lead people to get under the burden of the love of Christ of lost people," he said.

Edgemon urged increased emphasis on training people to witness, including use of the church training module, Training Sunday School Workers in Evangelism.

"I never met anyone I could not train to witness, to share their faith, and to use a marked New Testament to show the plan of salvation if they were willing to do it," he said.

Also, churches which make evangelism their priority cannot be easily damaged or destroyed by dissension, Edgemon noted. "If churches

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Bolivar Baptists plan Argentina involvement

Bolivar Baptist Association has made plans to sponsor six persons going to Argentina, May 5-21. These will take part in an evangelistic crusade being carried out by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

On Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m., at First Church, Cleveland, a Bold Missions Awareness Conference and banquet will be launching the major thrust of this effort. Mr. and Mrs. Al York, special mission volunteers, representing the Foreign Mission Board, and David Glaze, career missionary to Argentina, will be the featured speakers.

Inspirational music will come from Bolivar County churches. Tickets for the meal are \$2 and are available in each church. For additional information, call 843-8798.

Mississippian ministers at cancer center

By Marci Hobbs

Percy Randle is playing a special role in the battle being waged against cancer at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Wash.

Percy works as a volunteer at the Hutchinson Center — sometimes seven days a week. His official badge reads, "Pastoral Care." But this doesn't begin to describe all of his roles. Assistant social worker, counselor, chaplain, volunteer, former patient — Percy is all of these and much more to bone marrow transplant patients and their families who are faced with potentially life-threatening leukemia.

Percy has been working at the center for nearly a year now. A former transplant patient himself, he draws on personal experience and a strong

inner faith to help others.

A native of Morgan City, Miss., Percy was diagnosed as having Chronic Myelocytic Leukemia in 1981. He recognized at that time that a bone marrow transplant at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center offered his only hope of a cure. After undergoing a transplant there in 1983, he made the decision to return to the center as a volunteer.

According to Percy, "This place offers hope to people who have no hope." In January, 1985, Percy and his wife Anita moved to Seattle.

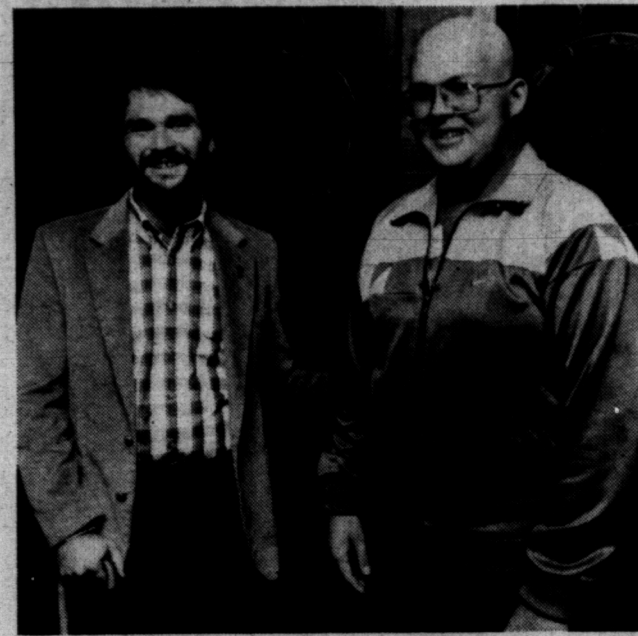
Four churches in Mississippi help cover Percy's expenses while he volunteers his time at the Hutchinson Center. These include the Morgan City

Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Itta Bena, Schlater Baptist Church, and the Morgan City — Itta Bena Presbyterian Church. Minimal funding also comes from a Baptist chapel in Seattle. Percy and Anita are both members of the Christian Service Corps, a volunteer organization sponsored by the Home Mission Board.

According to one of his co-workers at the Hutchinson Center, Percy Randle "draws on his own personal experience to provide support to others that the medical staff cannot give..." Percy himself stresses, "My main goal is to serve God."

Marci Hobbs writes for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

Percy Randle (left), stands with bone marrow transplant patient and friend, Gary Taylor of Decatur, Miss., at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. Percy volunteers his time to provide support for transplant patients and their families.



Former convention president

Purser Hewitt dies in Florida at 80

Purser Hewitt, a former executive editor of the Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, and a former president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, died Sunday, Jan. 19, of bone cancer. He was 80. He was the son of W. A. Hewitt, a former pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Purser Hewitt retired in 1973 after 47 years at the Clarion-Ledger. Hired in 1926 as sports-news reporter, he worked as sports editor, city editor, news editor, and managing editor. He was appointed executive editor in 1957.

For at least 30 years, he wrote "Hewitt to the Line," subtitled "Let the chips fall where they may," a front page column of personal views, puns, and poetry.

He served two terms as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was a deacon of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and was the first layman to be a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee. Several times he served on the Baptist Record Advisory Committee.

While a student at Mississippi College he was the only contestant sent in 1924 to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association track meet in Sewanee, Tenn. He entered three events and singlehandedly won enough points to give Mississippi fifth place.

After retiring, he and Mrs. Hewitt moved to a Christian retirement center called Shell Point Village in Fort Myers, Fla. A memorial service is scheduled for 3 p.m., Jan. 25, in the Chapel of the Village Church at Shell Point Village.

Harvey Rice, Clarion-Ledger staff writer, in an article in the Jan. 20 newspaper, quoted several who formerly worked with Hewitt:

"I sort of envied the guy because of his outlook," said Billy Skelton. "He'd come in whistling in the morning." Skelton is Clarion-Ledger editorial page editor.

Elsie Mae Chambers, former Clarion-Ledger reporter, now with The Carthaginian, said, "He was such a good man. He was so good to people that worked for him. The pay scale

was low then and nobody had much money, but he would take money out of his pocket. He helped many, many persons through bad times."

Charles G. Smith said, "He was a quite, gentle man who had an ability to get along with just about everybody at every level." Smith is former Clarion-Ledger city editor and reporter.

Charles Overby said, "He came and spoke to my high school journalism class at Provine and inspired me and a lot of others to enter that field." Overby is Gannett Co. Inc. Vice President of News and former executive editor, Clarion-Ledger.

Charles Galloway, a former attorney for the city of Jackson, said he thought of Hewitt more as a Christian than a newspaperman. "I believe his strong, strong religious background gave him a strength that other people are not able to take advantage of," Smith said.

Miss Chambers said he nearly left the newspaper business to join the ministry. "But he decided that he was actually called to be a newspaperman and that that was his mission in life. He felt that was what the Lord wanted him to do."

He is survived by his widow, Julia Toy Hewitt of Fort Myers; three daughters, Julia Toy Hall of Grantsville, Md.; Mrs. Jacqueline Allen of Gainesville, Fla.; and Mrs. Tom (Olive) Hudson of Nashville, Tenn.; two sisters; two brothers; and ten grandchildren.

Yugoslavs print

ZAGREB (EBPS) — A Bible atlas has been issued by the Baptist publishing house "Duhovna Stvarnost" here. It contains 64 pages of maps and photos of biblical landscapes and excavations, as well as drawings and prints.

Yugoslav Baptists also recently held a conference for pastors and other denominational workers, and the 10th Baptist youth congress in Novi Sad.

Frank Pollard will return to Jackson

Frank Pollard has resigned the presidency of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., to return to the pastorate of 6,600 member First Church, Jackson.

Pollard, formerly pastor of First Church, Jackson, 1974-1980, has resigned the seminary effective March 1, and will become pastor in Jackson in May.



He told the Baptist Record that in March and April he was committed to preach at four revivals in the Good News America simultaneous revival campaigns of which Pollard said "I am almost convinced this is our last track."

He noted that "In 1979 we were about to convert the world with the gospel and Southern Baptists got another agenda put on them." He added, "I believe politics is the problem, not the solution. We've got to get back on track and do what we're supposed to be doing."

In Pollard's resignation statement to the seminary, he wrote, "I have had to face the fact that I am simply a Baptist preacher."

Pollard left the pastorate of First Church, Jackson, to become pastor of First Church, San Antonio, 1980-1983, becoming seminary president in 1983. Prior to Jackson, he was pastor of Shiloh Terrace Church, Dallas.

Pollard has been preacher for "The Baptist Hour" and host of "At Home with the Bible."

Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and contentment, and a hundred virtues which the idle never know.—Charles Kingsley.

Vancouver World's Fair needs student missionaries

ATLANTA (BP)—The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is accepting applications for three five-member summer/semester missionary teams at the 1986 Vancouver World's Fair.

Applicants for brass ensemble, evangelism, and creative arts teams must be members of a Baptist church, presently a student, having completed at least one year of college.

The HMB will provide travel expenses to and from Vancouver and a \$55 weekly salary. Room and board will be provided by area churches.

The brass ensemble will consist of two trombones, two trumpets, a tuba, and a french horn. Both the ensemble and the creative arts team—mime, clown, and puppetry-type artists—will perform on and off the fair site.

Applications are due Feb. 1 and should be mailed to Bill Lee at the Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta, Ga. 30368-5601 by Feb. 1. Applications can be obtained from campus ministers and Baptist Student Union directors of the HMB special mission ministries department, at which Lee is assistant director.



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W. J. Henderson D'Lo pastor, dies

W. J. Henderson, 57, died Jan. 17, 1986, at home in D'Lo. Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at Mendenhall First Baptist Church, with burial in Flora Hills Cemetery in Pearl.

Henderson was a Greene County native, a graduate of Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He had ministered in Louisiana, Montana, and Mississippi.

He had been pastor of D'Lo Baptist Church for eight years and had served as moderator of the Simpson County Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen Henderson; sons, Dennis and Mark, both of D'Lo, and Pat of Mendenhall; eight brothers, all of Richton; five sisters, all of Richton; and seven grandchildren.



Mary Ray (left), Rankin County Baptist Association, Brandon, and Lynette McDuffie, South Carolina Baptist Convention, Columbia, talk with Tim Holcomb, consultant in the church administration department at the Sunday School Board, Nashville, during an orientation session to qualify as certified church secretary instructors. Holcomb is a former staffer, First Church, Jackson.

ACTS to broadcast home missions teleconference for first time

By Carol S. Garrett

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — An additional three million people will be able to view the 1986 Home Missions Teleconference Feb. 8 when it is broadcast for the first time by the American Christian Television System.

This live teleconference will provide a rare opportunity for viewers to hear current missions information from missionaries and Southern Baptist missions agency leaders, and to talk personally with these missions experts.

In addition to being carried on ACTS, the Home Missions Teleconference will be broadcast by the Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN).

More than 300 central viewing sites across the country are expected for the teleconference. Southern Baptists will gather in churches, associational buildings, and private homes to participate.

Viewers will have the opportunity to call in questions for the missionaries and agency leaders in the studio. Mis-

sionaries from Wyoming, Virginia, Illinois, and Alabama will be on the program.

Dorothy Sample, national president of Woman's Missionary Union, will field questions, along with Home Mission Board President William Tanner and Brotherhood Commission President James Smith.

Sample lives in Michigan, considered a new work area for Southern Baptist home missions. She hopes the teleconference will provide a new challenge for people to "pray more for our home missionaries, because many of them are in very hard places, discouraging places at times, with numbers that overwhelm them, tasks that overwhelm them."

Calling the Week of Prayer for Home Missions possibly the most important week in the life of the Home Mission Board, Tanner believes it is especially significant that the larger ACTS audience will be included.

"This opportunity to reach into millions of homes via the ACTS network can greatly enhance not only the

teleconference, but be a positive assistance to the offering as well," he said.

The BTN signal will not be scrambled for this teleconference, and viewers are being encouraged to tape the program and share it with larger church and associational groups. The teleconference will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. CST.

Carol Garrett writes for WMU, SBC.

Baptists called to practice . . .

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would center on winning people to Christ, they would see spinoffs in stronger relationships, stewardship and missions support," he added.

Hamblin, Piland and Edgemon emphasized they will work together in emphasizing through their programs the ultimate tragedy of not knowing Christ as Savior and the necessity of Baptists making evangelism their top priority.

This will take place through printed materials, speaking engagements, field service events, conferences at state and SBC levels and through leading denominational employees to even greater efforts at modeling a witnessing lifestyle.

"We are redoubling our efforts in person-to-person witness training programs at the Home Mission Board," said Hamblin.

"Our inability to become obsessed with the lostness of the lost . . . is eating the heart out of our convention," said Piland. "At the same time I believe we can turn things around and win our nation to Christ."

Edgemon said, "Our burden is so strong. We know people are lost. We must penetrate society with the news that it was the love of God who called for the sacrifice to save mankind from hell."

Linda Lawson writes for the Sunday School Board.

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Secretaries trained as certified instructors

NASHVILLE — Twelve secretaries from eight states attended an orientation session in December here in preparation to lead training conferences for church secretaries.

Tim Holcomb, consultant in the church administration department at the Baptist Sunday School Board, led the secretaries in 15 hours of training, which included preparation for serv-

ing as instructors.

Holcomb said he was anxious for the secretaries to begin leading the training sessions because of the sensitivity and insights they can provide.

Secretaries attending the orientation sessions were from Texas, Tennessee, Florida, Arizona, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Mississippi.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — At approximately 17 sites across the state Mississippians will be able to view the 1986 Home Missions Teleconference. The teleconference will be broadcast live Feb. 8 at 12 p.m. central time.

The teleconference will be broadcast via the Baptist Telecommunications Network (BTN).

For the first time the teleconference will be carried live on the American Christian Television System (ACTS) into more than three million homes nationwide.

Highlights of the telecast will include interviews with missionaries who are listed in the Prayer Guide for the Week of Prayer along with Home Mission Board President William Tanner; Brotherhood President James Smith; and WMU, SBC, President Dorothy Sample.

Plans are being made to view the teleconference at approximately 350 sites in 39 states plus Puerto Rico and Grand Cayman Island, British West Indies.

The nearest site may be located by contacting the associational WMU director.

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Fort Campbell chaplains struggle with own grief

By Sherri Anthony Brown

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (BP) — After visiting the nearby 71 families grieving for their lost children, spouses, and parents, the nine Southern Baptist Army chaplains at Ft. Campbell, Ky., confronted their own grief.

"I'm so tired," admitted Southern Baptist chaplain Lt. Tom Preston. "I don't feel there's much emotion left in me."

Preston, a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., along with the 32 chaplains assigned to Ft. Campbell, spent the week after the crash visiting families, planning and conducting memorial services for each unit.

A chartered Arrow Air DC-8 plane crashed in Newfoundland Dec. 12, killing 248 Fort Campbell soldiers who were returning from a six month peacekeeping mission on the Sinai Peninsula.

"We (chaplains) spent the first

morning with the families. We prayed, held their hands and gave out Kleenex's. At that time I didn't have time to deal with my feelings," said Preston.

Preston visited a family with an 18-month-old girl. For weeks she had been told her daddy was coming home. When Preston walked in the room, her face lit up and she cried, "Daddy! Daddy! She grabbed my neck and hugged me," Preston said. "And she wouldn't let go. When it was time to leave I had to pull her off."

Going to his own home wasn't easy for Preston. "My wife met me at the door. We held each other and I cried."

"Even my own daughter has been affected," said Preston, explaining that during her bedtime prayers, she prayed, "God, please help the children who have lost their daddies."

The 32 chaplains also have had to work through the grief of losing a

fellow chaplain in the crash. Major Troy Carter, a Pentecostal Church of God chaplain, had been scheduled to return a week before the crash, but switched places with his assistant, a younger soldier who needed to spend more time with his family.

"I've had to begin to come to grips with my own mortality," said Preston. "It hasn't challenged my faith, but I've had to reach deeper for it."

"I've also had to decide how committed I am to my calling. Because I know there is a possibility of this happening to me," he continued. "But when someone says, 'I don't know what I'd do without you,' it affirms my call."

"All of us recognize it could have been me," said Southern Baptist chaplain Capt. Douglas Carver of Rome, Ga. "When I see children without fathers, I wonder how it would be if it had been me."



Capt. John Wilkes, Southern Baptist chaplain, visits with a family member of one of the 248 soldiers killed in the Arrow Air plane crash. After visiting 71 families in four days, the chaplains at Fort Campbell, Ky., began to confront their own grief. (BP photo by Richard Shock)

It was Carver's child who made him realize he must deal with the reality of life, even during the tragedy of death. "I didn't feel like decorating our Christmas tree after all this," admitted Carver, "so we put it off."

But his nine-year-old daughter refused to give up the tradition of a Christmas tree. She hung a paper tree

she made with ornaments and popcorn balls taped to it on her bedroom wall. "We've got to have a tree," she told her father.

"Not only do we have to deal with death, but we also have to deal with the reality of life," said Carver.

Sherri Anthony Brown writes for the Home Mission Board.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances and the opinions of the letter-writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record.

Pickering for president

Editor:

According to an article in the January 9th Baptist Record, Winfred Moore stated that he "is hoping for a unifying candidate to emerge to lead the convention."

Obviously, Rev. Moore recognized that his candidacy would only perpetuate a divided convention. Thus, he is willing to step aside in favor of a unifying candidate. He is to be commended for taking the higher road.

Without stating it directly, it appears Rev. Moore's willingness to step aside is contingent upon the conservatives doing likewise. It is not unreasonable for him to expect that of them. I'm counting on the conservatives to take the higher road as well. A two year cooling-off-period is much in order.

By fielding a candidate(s) accep-

table to both sides, the convention can conduct the Lord's business in the manner it should. The Peace Committee is working to cool the rhetoric and heal the rift, but old wounds will be quickly re-opened if inflammatory remarks from the opposing factions take center stage again.

Acceptance of a unifying candidate does not mean that either side must abandon its convictions and key concerns. Rather, it means both parties are obligated to display Christian attitudes at all times. This is not just a lofty ideal. Our Lord demands that his servants walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh. Last year, before and during the convention, the flesh reared its ugly head all too often, from both camps.

My choice for a unifying candidate is Mississippi's own Charles Pickering. I became acquainted with Mr. Pickering in 1978 when he ran in the primaries for the U.S. Senate.

As state president he proved himself to be an effective leader, especially during the latter part of his tenure in office when he sought to bring peace and harmony at the national convention by proposing and working towards the establishment of the Peace Committee.

If he is given two years as president

of the SBC, he will continue that process with spiritual insight and determination.

Frank Trudeau
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Worked within framework

Editor:

In the Thursday, Jan. 2 issue of the Baptist Record on page 9 you carried on article "Call to Concern." There is great cause for concern and prayer for the South African situation. However, just 30 years ago we were experiencing racial discriminations in America which also were very unchristian. It should be noted that those were the years when we were seeing Southern Baptist growth that should embarrass us when compared to growth today. Certainly I do not intend to imply that prejudice (racial) helped evangelism. Perish the thought.

But I do want to say that the statement, "the issues addressed in the document are not peripheral concerns merely tagged on to the Christian gospel but rather are fundamental concerns that are central to the Christian mission," etc., must be tempered with the knowledge that the present system of government and the opportunities of S.B.C. evangelistic efforts in South Africa may be better now than if too hasty an effort to change the situation is made.

I agree apartheid is ungodly and should go. But to raise emotions any higher over the situation at this point could rush some changes that might hinder rather than help the mission of Christ.

It has taken America well over a hundred years to win the freedoms and rights that were fought for during the Civil War. But we worked within that framework to evangelize our nation and to help the black seminaries, etc., in the meantime.

Are we going to require the white government of South Africa to do the same things overnight that we were so slow in doing. Perhaps the CLC

should be sent a copy of Dr. Kelly's devotional on page 8 of this same issue of the Baptist Record.

Eddie Prince
Bellevue Baptist Church
Shelby, MS

Soviet Baptist rights

Editor:

In November 1984, I contacted you about a human rights case in the Soviet Union involving a Baptist man, Vladimir Khailo. On January 6, 1986, I met with Vladimir Kuznetsov, a counselor at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C., and thought you might be interested in knowing about the meeting.

I carried the enclosed letter which details specific concerns about Vladimir Khailo and his family and requested the Soviets to respond to these concerns. Mr. Kuznetsov was cordial and said he would be back in touch with me if he could find the answers to my questions.

During our conversation I focused on the most important aspect of the case — the desire for the Khailo family to emigrate. Several times I noted that I was meeting with Mr. Kuznetsov in a spirit of friendship to request that the Khailo family be permitted to emigrate to the country of their choice.

Members of Baptist and human rights organizations nationwide have written Soviet officials to express concerns about this case and join my effort to bring pressure to bear on the Soviets which may eventually lead to the Khailos' release. Now is an excellent time to initiate another letter writing campaign. If your readers would like to participate in this effort, they can address their letter to:

Mr. Vadim Kuznetsov
Counselor
Office of the Embassy
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
1125 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20011

It would be appropriate to include a note of thanks to the Soviets for

meeting with me to discuss the case.

Additionally, letters addressed to the Khailo family may provide them with a moral boost. They can be contacted at:

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uchr. YaE-308/RB 9
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Soviet Union

Frank R. Wolf
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Bill Wallace collection

Editor:

Wallace Memorial Baptist Church is establishing a "Bill Wallace Collection" consisting of all kinds of information. The material could be photographs, slides, letters, programs, notes, speeches, printed articles, personal recollections, memorials, etc. We need to proceed as rapidly as possible for the reason that the passing years diminish the probability of locating friends and acquaintances. Many good friends of Dr. Wallace are not living now.

Will you help us? Please share your knowledge with us so that future generations will be able to learn of the love and courage of Bill Wallace. If you were a friend or acquaintance would you take the time now to write (or make an audio tape) of "any memory you have of Bill? No matter how insignificant it may seem to you, this may be the information needed to fill in the whole picture of Bill Wallace. Please send your information to our church address: 701 Merchants Road, Knoxville, TN 37912.

James McCluskey, pastor
Wallace Memorial Baptist Church
Knoxville, Tenn. 37912

Farm Jubilee Weekend will highlight Cooper

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various subjects relating to the "farm crisis," will be offered.

Pastoral seminars will focus on helping troubled families cope with the changes facing them, while laymen will participate in seminars led by Christian agricultural leaders from throughout the nation. Major areas of discussion will focus on coping with change, agricultural production strategies, and "inventions, in-

novations, and marketing." Youth seminars are scheduled.

Cooper, a member of First Church, Yazoo City, and founder of Mississippi Chemical Corporation, will bring the Saturday evening message and the Sunday morning televised message.

There is no charge for the weekend of activities. For more information, or reservations, phone the church at (405) 232-4255.

Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

"Don't tell me God doesn't answer prayer"

"And I will pray" was the theme of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Dec. 1-8. The next week, on Wednesday night, Dec. 11, an answer came in Rome. It was the continuing story of answered prayers that Flora and Bob Holifield have seen in the life of one family in the Trastevere Baptist Church.

In the Holifields' 1982 December newsletter to their friends in the United States, they told about Emilia, a former fortune teller who had accepted Christ as Savior, and who felt God was calling her to be an evangelist. Around her kitchen table, Emilia had begun to witness to her family and friends. Three of her four grown children and her 76-year-old mother accepted Christ and were baptized. Only the oldest daughter, bitter and rebellious Susanna had not. One Sunday she interrupted Bob during a Sunday morning sermon at Trastevere, and ran from the church in tears.

In December, 1984, the Holifields wrote and requested prayer for Susanna. In late summer of 1985 she accepted Christ, and is now a Christian, full of joy and enthusiasm, who shares her newfound faith with her friends and fellow teachers. Then in December, 1985, the Holifields wrote, just before the Week of Prayer, asking for prayer for Susanna's husband, Sandro, who felt that he had been "betrayed and abandoned."

Trastevere Church is not on the Way to the Races or on the Way of the Pastries, but is on the Way Beyond the Tiber, near an old Jewish ghetto. Its sanctuary adjoins that of a Catholic church, making the two the nearest together of any Baptist and Catholic church in Rome. In fact, the smaller one was formerly the chapel of the larger one until the Baptists bought it from the Catholics.

On Dec. 11 I met Susanna at the Trastevere Church. She was sitting near the front, for 6:30 prayer meeting. Lidia Giannetta, missionary, played the organ. Bob made a few introductory remarks. I spoke to Susanna and several other Italian Baptists, including a young man named Stephen Peter Paul, and then left, with Flora and Joan, so I could go to bed.

Several hours later Bob arrived at their apartment, full of excitement with the good news he had to tell Flora, "Susanna's husband came to church tonight!"

Next morning at breakfast, over cereal and grape juice served on a Christmas tablecloth embroidered by Flora, we heard more of the story. The young man who led the discussion at prayer meeting, Bob told us, had talked about the meaning of Christmas, the time when God sent Jesus as his love gift to the world. During testimony time, Susanna had told the congregation that her husband lately had been willing for her to pray with him at home. A few moments after

Susanna finished talking and sat down, her husband walked into the church! Then at the end of the service, he kept asking questions, and kept wanting to stay on and continue the discussion, even when the others were ready to leave. The fact that he came and was seeking more knowledge of Christ was an answer to many prayers.

Bob is pastoral counselor for the Trastevere Baptist Church, which is seeking an Italian Baptist pastor. Also he teaches the New-Life Class for new believers. Flora is the church's nursery coordinator. Their work was featured in December Royal Service.

Two of their children live in Mississippi — Nathan in Jackson and Jane in Long Beach. Mary lives in Marietta, Ga., and Martha was graduated from Baylor in December. There are five grandchildren.

The Holifields formerly were hosts for a guest house in Rome for seven years. There they met and ministered to people from many different countries. However, that guest house is now owned and supervised by Italian Baptists.

Baptist work in Italy was begun by British missionaries in the 1860s. In 1870 Italy became the first European field to be entered by Southern Baptists. Today missionaries work alongside the Baptist Union of Italy. In 1982 the Biennial Assembly of the Italian Baptist union and the Italian Baptist Mission approved a plan for bringing all Baptist work into one organization. By 1984, planning and direction of Baptist work in Italy were in the hands of the Italian Baptist union, with missionaries working in cooperation with Italian leadership.

Flora and Bob have moved to an apartment which the Foreign Mission Board bought, since rent in Rome is so high. It is a spacious first floor apartment (first floor ones are cheaper, since they don't offer as much view). It does have big windows that look onto an interior court, and its marble floors sparkle. "We bought it from a man named Simon Peter," they told me.

The two walk from their home at Via Val Maira 115/C-1 to the office where both work. He is treasurer of the Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Italy) and also is property administrator and legal representative for the Foreign Mission Board. One extra project he has on hand is finishing the requirements for the Doctor of Ministry degree from Southern Seminary by May. He is writing a paper on "new believers coming from the Catholic culture." She is vice president of the Mission and is mission bookkeeper-secretary.

Enroute to the office, Flora usually walks past an outdoor market, where the stalls display wool sweaters and scarves, flowers, vegetables, fruits, and many other items. Along the way she stops to chat with the peo-

ple who are selling and this way has made many friends at the market-place.

Not too long after she got to Italy, Flora recalled, she asked, "Why in the world am I here? What did the Lord send me here to do?" That day a woman came to her house, and told her of her problems. Flora found a ministry in helping that woman solve some of her problems. Then another person came to her attention, and she helped that person. Individual by individual, she sought to fill needs. "As soon as I would feel one's needs were met, the Lord would send me another. He has never sent me more than I could do at once."

At the Trastevere Church, she and Bob have been ministering to individuals, and seeing many of them come to know Jesus. Emilia is one, and her daughter, Susanna. And now Susanna's husband is a seeker.

"Don't tell me that God doesn't answer prayer," said Flora, with a twinkle in her blue eyes.

And then she shared with me the testimony of Stefano (whose full name is Stephen Peter Paul):

"My name is Stefano. I am 26 years old. I have a mother and three grown brothers. We don't know our father—or fathers. I am the youngest child but am the only one who can work. Two of my brothers are under house arrest. My mother doesn't work but goes from place to place asking for free food and clothes. When I was small I was taught that I had to help provide for the family. I was taught to steal. Later, as I grew bigger I became very brave about stealing. I became a member of a gang who majored in purse snatching. We had motor scooters. One person drove the scooter and another rode behind him and snatched purses from people who were not attentive. Another member of the gang notified the scooter team when he saw people with lots of money.

"I became the boss of the gang. It was a dangerous way to live. I had my leg broken; I was beaten, cut up with a knife, etc. In my home we fought like dogs. There is not an unbroken piece of furniture in our house. Even the kitchen sink is broken and is lying on the floor. Recently my brother got angry with me. We fought and he cursed me, then knifed me. I had to call the deacon from the church to come and take me to the emergency ward of the (Continued on page 8)



In Trastevere Baptist Church, Rome, Stefano (Stephen Peter Paul) is at right.

Devotional

Footprints of our lives

By Ashley McCaleb

My steps have held to your paths (Psalm 17:5 NIV).

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time.

Longfellow

Who isn't enriched by reading about great Christians of the past, by following their footsteps through the printed page? Such insight they provide into Christian character, such uplift and challenge to live the Christian ethic. They need not be registered on the secular scales of greatness to serve as profound models for us.



McCaleb

And what of the inspiration we gain from the lives of fellow Christians whose "unfinished stories" are fresh testimonies to the power and glory of God? From these "sublime lives" we gain strength and encouragement.

Inevitably we turn to the stories of our own lives, for they too are being read day by day. Hopefully, our readers do not have to ask whose story we are telling, wonder about the plot, or ask who the author is!

Greatness? Sublimity? Influence?

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Always the Bible points up the disciple's need to be like Christ. "Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him" (Ephesians 5:1 TEV).

It focuses on the urgency to witness, the opportunities for witness. And with the exhortations, thankfully, come the reassurances that we are sustained by the grace of our Lord, that we attain through his power.

"And you have been given full life in union with him" (Colossians 6:1 TEV). "... May he, by his power, fulfill all your desire for goodness and complete your work of faith. In this way the name of our Lord Jesus will receive glory from you ... (2 Thessalonians 1:11b-12a).

"Be wise in the way you act toward those who are not believers, making good use of every opportunity you have" (Colossians 4:5 TEV).

"So then, as often as we have the chance we should do good to everyone, but especially to those who belong to our family in the faith" (Galatians 6:10 TEV).

We know that the Christian life is not some claim to fame, but rather an offering to man for God's glory; an offering to enlighten, to support; a mutual exchange among lives linked to Christ; a united effort to witness to the lost.

Before — alienated,

Now united through rebirth;

Our will — to emulate our Saviour,

To live as he lived here on earth.

Hope he gave to man

And peace

And love.

CAN WE?

Relieved human suffering,

Inspired faith in God.

OH, LET IT BE!

May the footprints of our lives be in truth the imprint of his life upon ours, and always so perceived.

Delivered-Determined-Deliberate: Footprints which retrace his story!

Resolved-Recommitted-Redirected: Lives which reflect his glory!

Ashley McCaleb is consultant, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union.

Mississippi churches top study course awards list

NASHVILLE—Three Mississippi churches were among the top 25 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention receiving church study course awards for 1984-85, according to statistics compiled in the church study course records office at the Baptist Sunday School Board.

First Church, Jackson, ranked 10th in the convention with 937 awards, while Broadmoor Church, Jackson, with 871 awards, and First Church, Hazlehurst, 720 awards, ranked 13th and 18th, respectively.

The annual report also showed that one Mississippi association, Hinds-Madison, ranked ninth in the convention receiving study course awards, with 4,822.

Other leading Mississippi churches were Fairview Church, Columbus, with 478 awards; and Meadowood Church, Amory, with 428 awards.

Olive Church, Pensacola, Fla., led all churches in awards with 1,907. First Church, Ellisville, Mo., was second with 1,790; and First Church, Bossier City, La., was third with 1,581.

Special family rate

Gulfshore Family Week set for June 30-July 4

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Greenfield of Fort Worth, Tex., will be the leadership couple for the Family Week Program at Gulfshore June 30-July 4 according to J. Clark Hensley, family ministry consultant.

Around the conference theme "Families learning to live together," conferences and studies for all members of the family will be given on Christian parenting, marriage, and family enrichment.

The Greenfields will be leading a Christian Parenting Seminar as the primary thrust for adults. Greenfield, who serves as professor of Christian Ethics at Southwestern Seminary is the author of two books "The Wounded Parent" and "We Really Do Need Each Other." He has served as a pastor in Texas, Florida, and New Mexico and has taught marriage and family courses at Hardin Simmons University and the University of New

Mexico at Los Alamos.

Other conferences will be offered for marriage and family enrichment along with youth, children, and preschool learning experiences. The traditional free day for family togetherness will be a part of the program.

The activities this year will be climaxed on July 4 by a patriotic service led by Paul Jones of the Christian Action Commission. The annual fireworks on the beach will be held on Thursday night.

A special family rate is available with children at \$2.50 per day for room, plus meals, when the parents pay the regular rate for room and board. This cuts the room rate for a family of four to \$31.80 per day, meals extra.

No reservations will be accepted at Gulfshore until March 1.



Zion Hill dedicates renovation

A dedication service was held Nov. 17 at Zion Hill Church, Liberty. Members added two classrooms onto the back of the auditorium, have installed the first baptistry in the 174-year history of the church, and have completely bricked the outside of the building. To complete this major upgrading of the church plant, a new sign has been painted and hung on the front lawn.

On June 15 of this year the church will celebrate its 175th year of local and worldwide ministry. An anniversary committee is making plans for this celebration. This committee is Jack Terrell, chairman, with Carolyn Wooley, Ruth Dixon, Doris Stokes, and Alney Jones. The pastor is Odus Jackson.

From left, 1st row, Jackie Stokes; Earl Murray; Donald Coleman, builder; 2nd row, Alney Jones, chairman; James Fleming; John L. McCabe. These are members of the church building and grounds committee.

"Don't tell me God doesn't answer prayer"

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hospital to be sewed up.

"I have prayed so much for my brothers and my mother. They won't go to church with me. In August my brother, Hugh (Ugo) took, an overdose of dope and died at the back door of my church! For him it is too late. Please pray for me that my Mother and other brothers will listen to the gospel before it is too late for them too.

"One day I was on the street when I was approached by some young energetic people from the Trastevere Baptist Church. They told me about Jesus. For the first time in my life I found myself ashamed of my way of life. I knew instantly that it was wrong. I started going to Bible study and to church.

"The people of the church knew what kind of person I was and yet they loved me and took me in. I accepted Christ as my Savior and King. He reigns in my life. I study my Bible and I feel that I am growing in his grace."

Don't tell me that God doesn't answer prayer.

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Hunger relief groups assess Africa's needs

By David Wilkinson

WASHINGTON (BP) — As a new year approaches, Africa may be moving from a crisis of acute hunger to a crisis of chronic hunger, underscoring the need for long-term assistance and development.

Recent assessments by hunger relief and development organizations working in Africa illustrate both significant progress and continued need. Reports from famine-stricken countries indicate that while emergency food aid requirements for 1986 may be half the amount needed in 1985, millions of people will still have critical food needs next year.

The U.N. Office for Emergency Operations in Africa noted in a recent status report that the emergency is still "acute" in 12 countries.

Rains have returned to parts of the continent, but they have been unevenly distributed and too little, too late for harvests in many areas. In addition, transportation problems and civil strife in some countries have continued to hamper relief efforts.

In Ethiopia, where much of the world's attention has been focused in the last year, relief officials estimate six million people will still be in need of international food assistance next year. Southern Baptist missionaries report that transportation problems and lean crops will add at least another year to Southern Baptist short-term relief efforts in that country.

Other illustrations of continued need:

—Ethiopia alone now has at least 200,000 orphans.

—An estimated four million persons have been displaced by famine and civil strife.

—In the Sudan, approximately 12,000 homeless boys between the ages of 7 and 17 are roaming the streets of Omdurman and Khartoum.

—Across Africa more than 17 million children under age five are suffering from malnutrition, a trend which will harm the continent's development for generations. In countries such as Ghana and Burkina Faso, more than 40 percent of the children under five are malnourished.

—More than 18 million people in seven countries (Angola, Ethiopia, Cape Verde, Botswana, Sudan, Mozambique, and Lesotho) are still "at risk" because of food shortages.

In response to these needs, experts who testified at hearings in December before the U.S. House Select Committee on Hunger and the African Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee called for a long-term commitment to Africa relief and development.

African Subcommittee chairman Howard E. Wolpe, D-Mich., noted that without immediate attention to recovery and rehabilitation, many African countries "will be even more vulnerable to the next drought and even more dependent on international aid."

Robert S. McNamara, former president of The World Bank, testified that despite much progress, "the harsh truth is that Sub-Saharan Africa today faces a crisis of unprecedented proportions." He cited various "underlying realities" of the hunger crisis: deterioration of the physical environment, dramatic population growth, crumbling national economies, and steady decreases in per capita production of food grains.

David Wilkinson writes for the Christian Life Commission.

Most of us would be in more trouble than we are if all our prayers had been answered.



Auburn Church burns note

At a recent thanksgiving fellowship meeting members of Auburn Church, Tupelo, burned a note commemorating the debt retirement of a \$7,500 sanctuary renovation project. The ten year loan was paid off in two years. Those participating in the ceremony were, pictured from left, James White, pastor; R. L. Curbow; Clark Tucker; Lester Holder; Michael Dickerson; Harold Christian; and S. T. Gardner, deacons.

Banks Hardy retires in Tupelo

Columbus native, Banks W. Hardy, 65, announced his retirement last month from full time ministry. He was the pastor of Belden Church, Tupelo.

During his 30-year ministry, Hardy has been the pastor of only two churches — Antioch, Columbus, and Belden, Tupelo. He was elected moderator of the Lowndes Association twice, and served as president of both the Lowndes and Lee associational pastors' conferences.

Hardy said he plans after a brief rest to resume preaching at various churches as a supply or interim pastor. "I've only retired from full-time pastoring," he added. "I hope to preach for a long time to come."

Hardy was educated at Clarke College, Mississippi State, and New Orleans Seminary. He is married to the former Dorothy Taylor, also from Columbus. They have one son, Larry, a CPA in Memphis.

Raymond Road sponsors lay renewal weekend

Raymond Road Church, Jackson, is sponsoring a lay renewal weekend, Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

According to Mike Caldwell, committee member, more than 50 lay volunteers from across Mississippi, ages 10-65, will be helping with the weekend, which is being led by Dub Herring, a layman from Picayune.

Caldwell says that the weekend will include 48 hours of intensive sharing, mostly in small groups, dealing with such topics as "Christianity to handle today's problems."

Dan Watts is pastor.

Lottie gifts increase

Central Church, Golden, Tishomingo Association, gave a total amount to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in 1985 of \$4,266.05. The goal was \$3,200.00. Ralph Culp is pastor.

First Church, Vancleave, has reached its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$5,000.00. This church has given \$5,021.94. Randy C. Davis is pastor.

Falwell announces organization change

By Kathy Palen

WASHINGTON (BP) — Jerry Falwell has announced formation of a new organization in an attempt to broaden the agenda as well as the fund-raising potential of the conservative, political-religious Moral Majority.

Falwell explained the newly chartered Liberty Federation will support a number of issues such as President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative; financial aid for Nicaraguan rebels — or contras —; and anti-communist efforts in Taiwan, South Korea, the Philippines, and South Africa. The organization, of which Moral Majority will be a subsidiary, will continue to address such "strictly moral" issues as abortion and pornography.

During a Jan. 3 press conference, Falwell commented on the chartering of the Moral Majority in June 1979 "by a small group of Americans who were deeply concerned over the social, moral, and political dilemmas into which this country had wandered during the past two decades."

"In the course of the past seven years, we have found ourselves drawn into issues and conflicts which were not anticipated in 1979," he continued. "Many persons have felt that the Moral Majority name and charter are

not broad enough to cover many of these domestic and international issues."

In addition, Falwell stated he anticipates the organization's budget to increase from \$7 million to \$12 million during 1986. The additional \$5 million in support is expected to come from new constituents, he added.

The Liberty Federation's first official activity will be a "national summit" for the organization's 50 state chairmen and 500 other national leaders to be held Jan. 23-24 in Washington. Vice-President George Bush, who Falwell says he will support in the 1988 presidential race, is to deliver the major address.

Other general sessions and workshops will focus on the 1986 senatorial races; education, registration, and mobilization of one million new voters during 1986; and recruitment of new grassroots support for the organization.

Falwell added the organization also will challenge members to run for political office at local, state, and national levels. The organization's goal is to have 200 of its members run for office, he said.

Kathy Palen writes for The Washington Bureau of Baptist Press.

Staff Changes

Michael Weeks has been called as pastor of Wayside Church, Vicksburg. Weeks will receive the M.Div. degree from New Orleans Seminary in May. He and his wife, Brenda, have two children.

Tony Henry has resigned as pastor of Steele Church, Scott Association. He will be available for supply after Jan. 26, and can be contacted at Rt. 2, Box 37, Walnut Grove, MS. 39189, telephone 253-2232.

Bissell Church, Tupelo, has called Mark Stewart as minister of youth. Stewart is a native of Lee County. He and his wife, Angela, have a son, Shaw.



Anderson

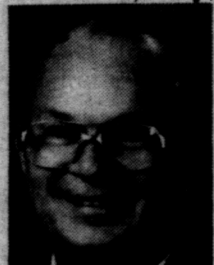
First Church, Boyle, has called Joe Anderson as pastor. Anderson goes to First, Boyle, from McAdams Church where he was pastor for 13 years.

Prentiss Church, Jefferson Davis County, recently called J. G. ("Jack") Winscott as pastor. Jack and Janie Hewlett Winscott have three sons, John, Joshua, and Jacob.

The Winscotts moved to Prentiss Church from First Church, Lumberton, after almost four years of ministry there.

Winscott also served Scooba Church, Kemper County, and Ridgecrest Church, Jackson, as minister of education.

Lester T. Garrett has retired from the active pastorate and is available for revivals, study courses, camps and retreats. Garrett pastored for a number of years at Mendenhall and Yazoo City. He can be reached at Route 4, Box 232, Greenville, AL. 36037; phone: (205) 382-6329.



Garrett

Emmett Wade began service on Jan. 1 as a new associate in the Northwest Baptist Association, as director of religious education. He and Mrs. Wade will be living in the Hernando area. Ervin Brown is director of missions.

L. C. Anthony has resigned the pastorate of Arm Church, Lawrence County, and has accepted the pastorate of Old Hebron Church, Jeff Davis County. His new address is Route 1, Box 43, New Hebron, Miss. 39140.

Mark Gunn has accepted the position of minister of music and youth with Good Hope Church, Leake County. He began serving the first Sunday in January. Gunn, a native of Scott County, is a former member of First Church, Jackson.

Mt. Olive Church, Carroll County, has called Gary Lewis and his wife, Linda, to serve as ministers of music and youth. The Lewises, formerly serving as Cascilla Church, Tallahatchie County, have served in various music ministries since 1975.

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Names in the News

Ronnie McCall, a graduate student in church music at William Carey College, is available for interim or part time music ministry service. His address is Rt. 2, Box 172, Seminary, Miss., 39479 or phone (601) 722-4954.



McCall

DALLAS (BP)—Herbert R. Howard, 68, who led Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, to become one of Southern Baptists' largest, most prestigious congregations during 29 years as pastor, died in Dallas Dec. 31, following a massive heart attack. After retiring from Park Cities in 1976, Howard was a counselor for Masters and Johnston institute in St. Louis. He returned to Dallas to establish a marriage counseling service.

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. (BP) M. Christopher White has been named the 10th president of Gardner-Webb College effective July 1, 1986. White, currently vice-president for academic and student affairs at nearby Elon College in Elon College, N.C., will succeed Craven Williams who resigned last summer to become president of a Raleigh, N.C., based land development and property management company.

Keith Mangrum was ordained to the ministry at Remus Church, Leake County, where he was a member before being called into the ministry. Mangrum was recently called as pastor of New Prospect, Leake County. He is a student at Clarke College and is employed at Wal-Mart in Carthage. Ed Smith is pastor at Remus.

Two from Mississippi recently were graduated from Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla. Jeffrey Daniel Adams and Paul E. Bennett, both of Pascagoula received the bachelor of theology degree.

Hardy awards scholarship to Ethridge

The ministerial scholarship committee of Hardy Church, Grenada, on behalf of the membership, has awarded a \$400 scholarship to Danny Ethridge of Union.

These scholarships are given each year to ministerial students who are selected by the committee and approved by the membership. Applications are made available to the Mississippi Baptist colleges — Mississippi College, William Carey College, and Blue Mountain College — in August of each year.

Awards are made available on January 1 each year and can be applied to semester tuition credit chosen by the recipient.

Danny Ethridge is a sophomore at Clarke College, Newton. He and his wife, Lynda, have three children — Angelia, age 19; Sue, age 17; and Rusty, age 9. His mother is Mrs. Bonnie Ethridge of Union, Mississippi. His pastor is Rev. Mike Duff, Neshoba Baptist Church, Union Mississippi.

Temple Church, Hattiesburg held an ordination service on Jan. 5. Deacons ordained were Ken Gower, Jimmy Hughes, John Mayfield, Jr., and Harold Taylor. Harry L. Lucenay is pastor.

BROWNWOOD, Texas, (BP) — Howard Payne University trustees accepted a minority report from their search committee and elected Don Newbury, 48, as the new president of the university.

He will assume the presidency immediately, succeeding Ralph Phelps who will be chancellor until his retirement in May. Newbury has been president of Western Texas College in Snyder for the last five years.

Donald R. Windham was licensed to the preaching ministry by West Union Church, Carriere, Dec. 1. Windham, who has been active in Gideon's International and in several Bold Mission Thrust and Baptist Men's projects for the past several years, is a full time student at New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Betty, are parents of five adult children and have one grandchild.

He is available for service and can be reached at 525 Lakeside Drive, Carriere, MS 39426, telephone (601) 798-5115.



Mr. and Mrs. James Pugh were honored recently at a reception commemorating his 20th anniversary as pastor of Montrose Church. A tribute was given by Mrs. Sue Copeland, who gave an account of the Pughs' stay at Montrose from the first year until now.

Tom Allen, religious education major at Mississippi College, is available for part time church work with youth or youth music. He may be reached at 226 Rollingwood Drive, Jackson, Miss., 39211, phone 956-6501.



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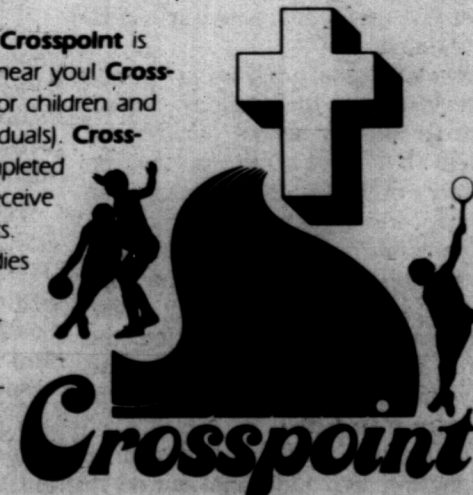
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Sunday School and Family Ministry Departments will join Church Training and Dr. William L. Hendricks, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Maurice Graham, chaplain at St. Jude's Research Hospital, in conducting conference sessions.

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New Orleans Seminary plans conference on laity

NEW ORLEANS — A three-day conference on the "Emerging Laity" will be held at New Orleans Seminary.

Theme of the Feb. 21-23 gathering will be "Intentionally Living My Faith." The conference is intended primarily for laypersons and most speakers are laypersons.

Major conference addresses will include:

— "Me the Theologian," Melvin Cooper, Alabama state official;

— "For Me Authentic, Intentional Faith Is . . .," Charles Pickering, Laurel lawyer and former Mississippi Baptist Convention president; and

— "Intentionally Living My faith," Fisher Humphreys, professor of theology, New Orleans Seminary.

Dick Jensen, a Tennessee marketing executive, will lead Bible study; while Lambert Mims, a Mobile, Ala., businessman will lead worship.

Separate sessions will be featured on the relation of faith to money,

justice, personal relations at work, success, personal relations in the family, and churchmanship. Each session will feature lay speakers and time for dialogue.

The Emerging Laity Conference will begin with fellowship at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the seminary. It will conclude at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, following a worship service.

Conference fee will be \$10 per person. Persons may register in advance or at the conference.

Sponsors of the conference are the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, New Orleans Seminary, and the Brotherhood departments of the state Baptist conventions in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

For more information, contact Thomas A. Kinchen, Director of Continuing Education, New Orleans Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126, or call (504)-282-4455.

Bi-racial Commission elects executive committee members

The Mississippi Baptist Bi-Racial Commission elected officers and executive committee members, recently, at its annual board meeting.

Elected to the executive committee were Gerald Hasselman, Vicksburg, chairman; Jerry Young, Jackson, vice chairman; Mrs. William Boone, Jackson, secretary; W. T. Guice, Gulfport, treasurer; Horace L. Buckley, Jackson; Stan Rushing, Clinton; and W. P. Davis, Jackson, ex-officio.

Other trustees are Gayle Alexander, Tupelo; Nathan Barber, Bay Saint Louis; L. Z. Blankinship, Foxworth; Wayne O. Burkes, Clinton; Holmes Carlisle, Forest; L. C. Cook, Aberdeen; Mrs. John Keeton, Grenada; Alfonso Lewis, Meridian; Bud Parker, Soso; Clarence Phillips, D'Lo; Mrs. Elma Summers, Jackson; and Rogers

O. Tyler, Gulfport; and new Southern Baptist members are Gayle Alexander and Nathan Barber.

The commission adopted a \$299,081.00 budget which supports the work of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, church development conferences, and Baptist Student Union on historically black college campus.

The commission members also serve as trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Richard A. Brogan is administrative director of the commission and president of the seminary.

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is a cooperative joint venture of National and Southern Baptists. It is owned and operated by trustees elected by the two denominations in Mississippi. Hickman Johnson is dean of academic affairs.

Enrollment/training clinics boost membership involvement

NASHVILLE — The 50 enrollment/training clinics projected for the next five years will provide training for Sunday school workers who otherwise might not receive specialized training.

Ernest Adams, program promotion supervisor in the Sunday School Board's Sunday school department bases that prediction on the experience of the 10 clinics conducted in the past three years.

The combined average attendance for the 10 clinics was 23,336. That tops the total attendance of Sunday school leadership conferences during the same period at Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist Conference Centers by more than 5,000.

The Sunday School Board will be conducting five additional clinics in the next five years. A five-year goal of 50 clinics includes clinics which will

be sponsored by state conventions or associations with workers who were trained in the first ten clinics.

Adams said the clinics have been successful in involving church members in evangelistic activities. During the clinics, 10 percent of the churches' membership participated in the People Searches that were conducted to locate new prospects.

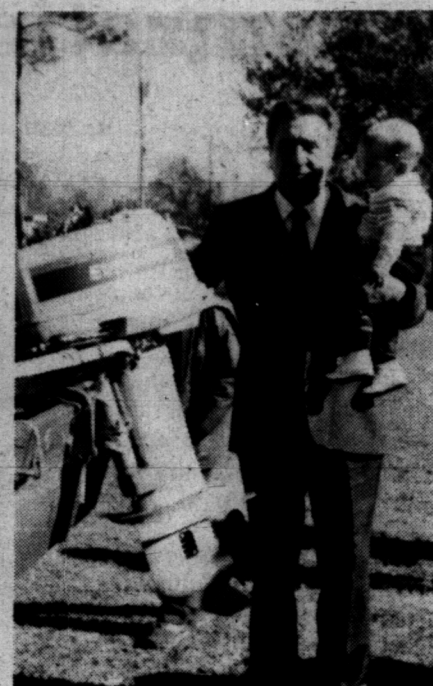
The clinics in Phoenix, Ariz.; Raleigh-Durham, N.C.; Tulsa, Okla.; Jacksonville, Fla.; St. Louis, Mo.; Seattle-Tacoma, Wash.; Denver, Colo.; Southern California; Houston, Texas; and Louisville, Ky., included 26 associations and 708 churches.

A Sunday School Board-coordinated clinic will be conducted in Boston, Mass., in April, 1987, in addition to other state and associational sponsored clinics with board assistance.

Just for the Record



GAs of Calvary Church, Greenwood, recently held their recognition service, "What a Wonderful World." Left to right are April Mess, Jenny Bond, Jennifer Long, Ginny McGarrh, leader, Becky Holly, Brandi Rosamond, and Jamie Sessums.



Griffin Street Church, Moss Point, on Dec. 22, presented to its pastor, Athens McNeil, an Evinrude 25 HP outboard motor for Christmas. In 1983, the church gave him a Buick, and in 1984 they presented him with a bass boat, which was fished from all last year, and the new motor has already been christened, says McNeil.

Pictured is Athens McNeil standing by the boat with new motor, and holding grandson, Joshua David Feinberg.



Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur, observed Pastor Appreciation Day Nov. 24. The pastor, Gus Merritt, right, was given a book of letters, presented by Avery Smith, left, chairman of deacons.

A reception was held for the pastor and his wife, Faye. During the morning service, several members shared testimonies concerning Merritt's ministry to them. A money tree was another gift for the Merritts.

Merritt's tenth anniversary as pastor at Clarke-Venable was Oct. 27. On that Sunday, Chester E. Swor began a week of spiritual emphasis. He spoke at noon and evening through the following Thursday. Pastor Appreciation Day was the finishing touch to the anniversary celebration.

William Carey College is in the process of selecting a Director of Alumni Affairs. An Alumni Search Committee is responsible for recommending the person for this position. Resume or inquiries can be sent to Tim Thomas, search committee chairman, 134 Reservation Drive, Gulfport, Miss. 39503.

Babe Ruth's tribute

The following testimony of the useful life of an old minister was given by "Babe" Ruth, the famous baseball player. "Most of the people who have really counted in my life were not famous. Nobody ever heard of them, except those who knew and loved them."

"I knew an old minister once. His hair was white; his face shone. I have written my name on thousands of baseballs in my life. The old minister wrote his name on just a few simple hearts. How I envy him. I am listed as a famous home-runner, yet beside that obscure minister, who was so good and so wise, I never got to first base."



Hatten
First Church of Lyman, Gulfport, recognized Mrs. Catherine Hatten for her work as a Sunday School teacher the past 50 years. She was presented with a plaque and honored with a reception following the evening worship service. Argile Smith is pastor.

Mississippi Baptist activities

- Jan. 26 Baptist Men's Day (BRO Emphasis)
Jan. 27-28 Personal Growth & Dynamics Conference for Minister Education/Youth/Business Administrators; Baptist Building; 9:30 a.m., 27th-3 p.m., 28th (CAPM)
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or I laugh and think you're dumb?
What if you let me see you
and I coldly turn my head
or I think you're silly and childish?
Or — what if —
What if after telling me all your
aspirations,
feelings, and
desires —
What if after telling me about
the times you hurt,
the times you smile,
that moment of excitement —
What if after sharing with me
about
your loneliness,
and fear,
and sadness —
What if after pouring your heart
out to me
I take one look at you and
turn my head
and leave
forever
taking all that you are
with me without asking you?
You would be left empty

and I would be too full
because you had nothing of me in
you.
The tears in your heart and eyes
would seal the promise
that never again
would you share
with anyone.
How can I ask you to
give me yourself
to keep
and comfort
and love?
Who am I to ask that of you?
Could you believe me
when I tell you that
NEVER
would I do these things
to cause you pain?
You're much too precious to me.
You must believe this though
in order to grow.
Would it be worth it
if it were easy?
I don't think so.
Neither do you.
You don't have to trust me.
Let me prove to you
with my
love, and
concern, and
honesty

that I am to be trusted.
Don't let me come
to you with
scalpel in hand
to cut away at old scars
until you are ready.
Until
you know
that I come
not to hurt
but to heal, —
keep me at your distance.
Accepting this,
we both gain
and are the victors.
When the time is come
I am with you —
to talk to you
to keep silent
to hold you
to care for you
to love you.
If not, I am a hypocrite
and I lie.
Look through me and
tell me what you see.
I love you.
I trust you with who I am.
I know you love me.
Please
trust me with who you are.
—Hope Starnes

He comes and knocks
Just because he comes and knocks
Doesn't mean you let him in,
The devil's there, so strong and fair,
To bring you down to sin.

"Let me come in, my plans are great,
We'll see, and get, and do,
What'er you please, we'll have with ease
I'll make a king of you.

"You work so hard and faithful
You need some fun today,
It's such a bore to keep the store
I'll show you how to play.

"Fulfill your needs, delight your eyes

Have everything you can,
You live but once, get all the punch
If you'd feel like a man.

"You closed the door; that wasn't nice,
There's Someone there with you.
I'll leave awhile, but don't you smile
For I desire you, too."

Just because he comes and knocks
Doesn't mean you let him in,
'Destroy's his name, 'ruin' is his game,
Keep locked your door, my friend.

—Mrs. D. L. Crowe
Greenville

Who?

God, who made the shining stars,
The moon and all the circling planets,
The verdant earth with cycling
seasons:
Bountiful summer, and fall's harvest
fair,
Winter that causes the tired earth to
— rest
To awaken new life each spring.

God, who draws morning melody
from every tree
And the night sounds from the
moonlit shadows.
God, who made springing boughs
and splashing brooks,
The seas in vastness,
and immovable mountains,
Gardens and orchards
in checkerboard green and gold.
God in Harmony, God of Peace,
God of Beauty,
Who made WAR? Not God!
—Victor Vaughn

Sunday evening

I hear the church bells ringing
Late this Sabbath eve
The cold dead leaves on the old
oak tree
Are shivering in the breeze.
It's cold and late and looks like
snow
As worshippers to their churches
go
I sit at home, though not cast
down,
Staying with my sick mother
In her lovely pink gown.
I hear good preachers on radio
And see them on TV
And though to church I cannot go,
Church just comes to me.
But when I hear the church bells
ringing
I wonder with a prayer
How many people will sit at home
When they're able to be there.
—Mrs. J. E. Franklin
Oxford

Writes for preschoolers

"I thought how Angela would deal with it"

By Frank Wm. White

NASHVILLE — Writing Sunday school materials for Southern Baptists is an awesome responsibility to begin with but yet another dimension is added when the material is to be used by the writer's child.

Barbara Taylor, a preschool division director at First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, Miss., attended a writers conference in Nashville recently for writers of foundation curriculum materials for teachers of four-and-five-year-olds. Materials she wrote in 1984 will be used when her daughter Angela is in a five-year-olds Sunday School class next year.

"While I worked on the assignment, I thought about how Angela would deal with it. That added a whole new dimension," Taylor said.

Linda Hurley, a writer attending the same conference, said, writing Sunday school materials requires a sense of calling. "You have to know you are doing something for the Lord."

Both Taylor and Hurley have been preschool teachers for several years both starting when their children were in preschool departments.

"Each person has a special place of service. I've taught in other areas but preschool is where I fit. I feel it is where my gift is," Taylor said.

Although her children are growing up and leaving the preschool division, Taylor plans to stay there. The ex-

perience is an aid in developing preschool Sunday school materials, according to Hurley.

"All the activities we suggest have been tried before we write them." Even so, they need to be adapted to meet the needs of the children, the space available and time requirements, Hurley explained.

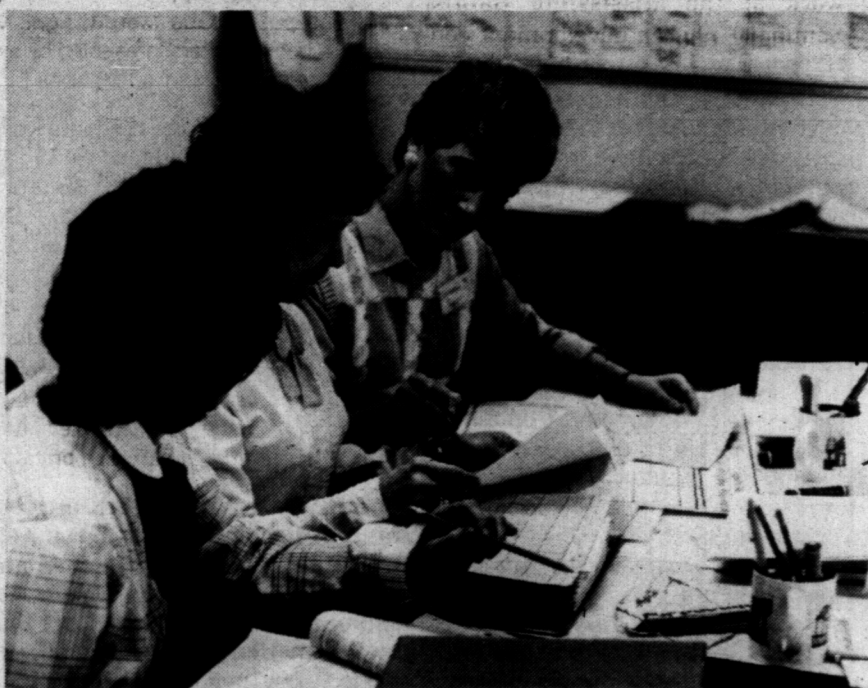
During the conferences, writers meet other writers for the same materials and learn how their work will fit together in the periodical for which they are writing.

Each writer does all the items for a month-long study unit. "It helps to know who is doing the session before and after yours and know what they are planning," Taylor said.

When they leave the conference, the writers have their specific assignments and then they begin the "hours and hours and hours" of work. "There's no way to count the hours. As inspiring as the conference is, it's easy to be overwhelmed with the work," Hurley said.

But, after the nine to ten months' work, including taking notes everywhere for a spare moment to work, Taylor said that finishing the session materials is "an enjoyable accomplishment."

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Barbara Taylor, right, preschool division director at First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, Miss., and Linda Hurley, left, preschool director at Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, discuss writer's workshop materials with fellow preschool materials writer Carol Smith, from First Southern Baptist Church, Great Bend, Kan. (Photo by Frank Wm. White).

Tim Cleary will speak to singles at Gulfshore

The Gulfshore Single Adult Retreat will be May 16-18, with Tim Cleary single adult consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board as the keynote speaker and conference leader according to J. Clark Hensley, family ministry consultant.

The single adult seminar scheduled at Alta Woods Church, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, has been canceled.

Churches and associations conduc-

ting single adult events are encouraged to report dates to family ministry consultant at Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Reservations for Gulfshore Baptist Single Adult Retreat may be made after March 1, by sending \$30 per person to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571.

Four Christian golfers gain PGA honors

WHEATON, Ill. (EP) — Four golfers who freely share their Christian testimonies gained high honors during the 1985 professional golfing season. Kathy Baker, Nancy Miller, and Betsy King of the Ladies' Professional Golf Association Tour, and Don Pooley of the Men's Professional Golf Association Tour, are all mainstays in Bible study groups that meet during tournaments throughout the season.

Kathy Baker, 24, a second-year player from Clover, S.C., won the most prestigious tournament on the women's circuit, the U.S. Women's Open in Springfield, N.J. The New York Times described her as "one of many . . . women on the pro golf tour who say they are born-again Christians [but who] expresses her beliefs more openly than most."

Eight-year tour veteran Alice Miller, of Marysville, Calif., won four tournaments, beginning in April with the Dinah Shore Classic, and including the Mayflower Classic. Nine-year veteran Betsy King won several tournaments, including the prestigious British Women's Open.

On the men's tour, 10-year veteran Don Pooley, of Tucson, Ariz., earned PGA Tour scoring honors by capturing the Vardon Trophy for consistent performance, barely edging Player-of-the-Year Lanny Wadkins 70.36 to 70.44 strokes per round. Pooley's consistent play brought him high tournament finishes, but no victories.

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Warnings and admonitions for Christian leaders

By Billy McKay
I Timothy 4:1-16

Introduction: It does make a difference what Christian leaders believe. What they believe determines whether they are doing the service and work of God or the service and work of Satan. Jesus spoke and warned of false teachers (e.g., Matt. 24:11, Mark 13:22). Consider the following warnings and admonitions which Paul gives to Timothy:

I. The marks of a false leader (4:1-5). In 3:15 Paul has given already the central truths of Christianity. It centers around the person (who Jesus is) and the work (what Jesus did) of

Jesus Christ. The central deviation of all religious error is a negative testimony to the centrality of Jesus Christ in the universe. You will note from verse 3 that the false doctrine comes from a misinterpretation from the book of Genesis. It was in Genesis where Satan (the source of this false doctrine according to 4:1) first communicated false teaching to Eve. First, he cast doubt on the word of God (cf. Gen. 3:1). Second, he changed the word of God (cf. Gen. 3:4). Third, Satan had his own version of the word of God (cf. Gen. 3:5).

In 4:3 the term "forbidding to

marry" is not what God taught in Genesis, according to 4:3b-4. The principle of this statement is that Satan tries to set aside God's moral standards for men and women. The application of this false teaching opens the door to a Playboy Philosophy of Life! If you set aside God's moral standards, then you are free to set your own standards.

In 4:3 the term "commanding to abstain from meats" carries with it the principle of a work's salvation. If there is spiritual merit and virtue in adhering to a certain diet, this is an

old trick of Satan which deceives man into believing he can earn favor with God. Paul refutes this by again referring to Genesis account in I Tim. 4:3b-4.

II. The marks of a Christian leader (4:6-10). These verses emphasize a Christian leader's personal work before God. First, Paul mentions spiritual things in 4:6-7a. For the positive side read 4:6. For the negative side read 4:7a. The word that is used here for "minister" (4:6) is actually the word "deacon." In order to be a good servant, the Christian leader must feed on sound doctrine.

He must refuse false teaching as described in 4:7. Secondly, Paul mentions physical things in 4:7b-8. Bodily exercise profits only for a little or short time compared to the life to come (4:8).

III. The ministry of a Christian leader (4:11-16).

A. This personal ministry is described in 4:12. Mark Twain once said, "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest."

B. His public ministry is set forth in 4:13-16. First, he is to prepare thoroughly (4:13). Second, he must develop his spiritual gift (4:14). Third, he must communicate true teaching to the congregation.

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Be forgiving

By Gus Merritt
Matthew 18:21-35; John 8:2-11
Key verse: Luke 6:37

The lesson this week deals with the very important subject of forgiveness. Forgiveness is both a hard and an easy matter. It is hard if we are on the giving end and easy if we are on the receiving end. All of us like to be forgiven when we have wronged others or sinned against God. However, when we have been wronged, it is difficult for us to forgive. Usually the revenge motive tends to override the forgiving spirit. Sometimes people will feign forgiveness by saying, "I forgive you but I will never forget what you did to me!" Too often this means the offended party does not really forgive and does not intend to let the offending party forget the wrong done.

The Apostle Peter wanted to know how to deal with forgiveness. His question (Matt. 18:21), though sincere, displayed a lack of understanding of true forgiveness. The question was more of quantity than of quality. Peter did go beyond the teaching of the rabbis which allowed for three offenses (Amos 1:6). He asked if seven times were enough. Seven is a complete number in scripture. Jesus' reply was that true forgiveness is given in unlimited numbers (Matt. 18:22). Forgiveness is a matter of love and compassion and not of arithmetic.

The parable Jesus gives Matthew 18:23-35, sets forth the kingdom view of forgiveness. As the king calls to account all of his servants, one comes owing ten thousand talents of silver or ten to twelve million dollars in monetary value. It amounted to much more in buying power. When the servant could not pay the huge debt, drastic measures were called for to collect. The servant became very penitent and pled for mercy. Mercy was extended and the whole debt forgiven. However, when one of the other servants owed the forgiven servant one hundred denarii or about twenty dollars, he refused to forgive the fellow servant the debt and had him thrown into prison. When the king heard of the action of the wicked servant, he administered harsh and just punishment to him because of his un-

forgiving spirit.

This parable teaches us some very important lessons in regard to forgiveness: 1. God has forgiven us a staggering and unpayable moral debt to him. 2. God expects us to forgive others of much lesser debts to us. God wants us to be as he is. 3. Forgiveness is predicated upon repentance. Forgiveness is not toleration of sin and wrong. But regardless of the number of sins and wrongs committed, when repentance is evident, forgiveness is to follow. 4. If we expect to receive forgiveness, we must be forgiving of others.

The story of the woman taken in adultery as recorded in John 8:2-11, offers still another lesson in forgiveness. This story in no way excuses the sin of adultery. It does teach us forgiveness is to be given upon repentance, no matter how terrible the sin may be. The scribes and Pharisees seek once again to entrap Jesus. In bringing the adulterous woman to Jesus for a decision, they hope Jesus will trap himself.

If Jesus says to let her go, he will be accused of not upholding the law. Ironically, the law in this case had not been imposed in a long time because of the commonness of this sin. If Jesus tells them to uphold the letter of the law, he will be without compassion and betray the admiration his followers have of him.

The true hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees is revealed because the law stipulated that both the guilty parties should be put to death (Lev. 20:10). Since she was caught in the very act of adultery, where was the man? Jesus masterfully shifted the responsibility of the decision back to the hypocritical scribes and Pharisees. Jesus tells them, "He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone." All this time Jesus continues to write on the ground.

One wonders what Jesus wrote. Tradition has it that he wrote names and sins of the accusers. The scripture reference does not tell us this, but it is possible. In any event, all the accusers cowardly slip away one at a

time until none are left. Jesus tells the woman he forgives her and to sin no more. The woman, by her attitude, was sorry for her sin. The scribes' and Pharisees' hypocrisy had been exposed. They wanted forgiveness but were unforgiving.

Fellowship within the local church cannot be maintained without true forgiveness being demonstrated. All of us offend at one time or another (James 3:2) and need forgiveness. We also should be forgiving. Not only do we break fellowship with one another when we are unforgiving, but we break fellowship with God (Lk. 6:37). The congregation should be as forgiving of their pastor as they want their pastor to be to them.

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Overcome all barriers

By Peter McLeod
Matthew 8:5-13

First note that the centurion believed God. He did not come to Jesus looking for a philosophy of suffering that would help him come to an intellectual accommodation with his problem. Rather, he came to tap the power he believed was resident in Jesus — a power which could heal his paralyzed servant.

There are times in our faith pilgrimage when we come to some personal Gethsemane and we must like Jesus pray, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:41 NIV). These are the occasions when faith must accept what is and learn from the unchangeable. But such occasions are fewer than we generally surmise.

Grant Teaff, head football coach at Baylor University, has written an excellent book entitled *I Believe*. The book chronicles the rise of Baylor football from the cellar of the Southwest Conference to the pinnacle of big conference winners in the early '70's. But it gives something more, for it deals with the spirit that made such radical change possible, a spirit that is expressed in Teaff's own philosophy of "I Believe."

First, he believed change was possible and the end result was that he made believers out of even the most confirmed cynics. It charges the batteries of my spirit when I see those who boldly expect and claim big things for God. While many self-appointed experts are explaining why "it can't be done," thank God for the passionate few who believe that "with God all things are possible." Like the centurion they hear the good news, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would!"

Next, notice that the centurion believed God for a specific need. He did not believe God in general but in particular—for the healing of his servant.

We often hear or use the term "putting out the fleece." It comes from an incident recorded in Judges 6 where God calls Gideon to lead Israel in battle against the Midianites. But Gideon, unsure of his abilities and the

validity of God's call, asks for very specific verification by "putting out the fleece" (Judges 6:36-40). Gideon, like the centurion, believed God, not just in general, but in particular for a specific human need. And like the centurion, he received God's affirming response. What have you believed God for lately?

Some of us are handicapped by deep feelings of insecurity and inadequacy. Believe God for the inner strength he has promised (Philippians 4:13).

Others are shackled by immobilizing fear. Believe God for the courage to face each new day with faith in his presence and power (Isaiah 43:1-2).

Some are locked into inconsolable grief. Hear the promise of God that if we "wait upon him," we can "mount up with wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31).

What have you believed God for lately? Like the centurion, don't allow any barrier to stand in your way of becoming all that God in Christ Jesus has created and called you to become.

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